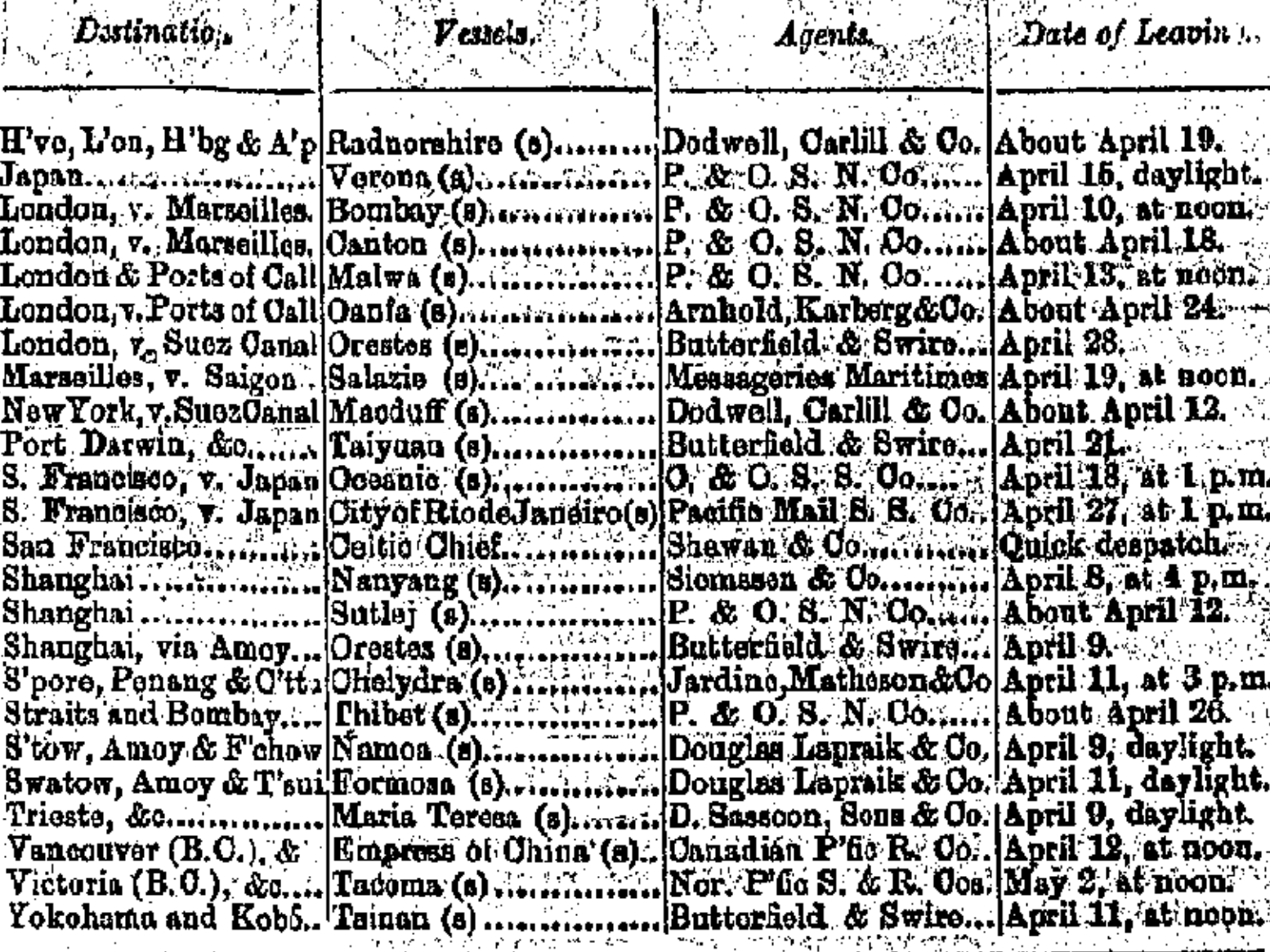






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Two a. Lightning arrived from Calcutta this forenoon, flying a yellow flag, indicating sickness on board, and proceeded direct to the quarantine moorings, off Stonecut Island. The vessel will be released to-morrow.

Mr. Murphy, the popular bandmaster of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry, was presented with a gold-mounted ivory baton at the Smoking Concert Club's entertainment last night as a mark of the club's appreciation of his valuable services in connection with these concerts. The presentation was made by Mr. John S. Lapraik, who presided at the entertainment, and was acknowledged by Mr. Murphy in a few appropriate words.

The London Lyric Company make their farewell appearance at the Theatre Royal this evening and a crowded house is a certainty. The piece for the occasion is "Turned Up," a farcical comedy of the most pronounced type, which, it will be remembered, was performed with great success by the Hongkong A.D.C. not long ago. The London Lyric Company go to Shanghai next week, where we hope their season will be at least not less prosperous than it has been in Hongkong.

A HANKOW letter to a Shanghai paper states that a number of Chinese tea buyers and merchants have lately arrived at that port from Shanghai, Foochow, and Canton, quite beyond the usual number known for many years past, which may mean a prosperous season for the tea trade this year, although the disheartening news has been received from the interior that the severe weather of last winter destroyed about one-third of the crop, so that it is to be feared that our turn will not be so great as in preceding years.

Tan Shanghai Mercury states that owing to the apprehensions of the mandarins in some of the North-eastern prefectures of that kingdom the people rose in open rebellion last winter, driving off their superiors and generally burning and wrecking the yamens. The King of Korea has, therefore, in consequence, issued an edict severely denouncing the fifty-five-loving officials concerned and their supporters, and the edict further promises shortening the delinquents by a head if there be a repetition of the offence.

A CERTAIN ex-Thai, named Yuen, who had been disgraced in company with five other officials for carrying favour with the late Treasurer of Anhui, a Manchu, who was himself also disgraced for the offence and divorced of his post by the Throne, has the Shanghai Mercury bears, paid the sum of T. 50,000 to the Board of Admiralty at Peking to aid the "Fand" for the purchase of ironclads. Of course such "loyalty and patriotism" must not be overlooked; consequently the President of that Board intend to memorialize the Throne that Yuen may be restored to his former titles and office in order to encourage the rest of the world to similar acts of "patriotism."

#### 'FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR

That the Hongkong Smoking Concert Club has been an undoubted success, and has given great pleasure to a very large membership.

That without saying a word against the classical or high-class style of music, the more get-atable and lighter styles are proverbially more fitted to pass a festive hour.

That last night's concert, the concluding entertainment of the season, was a most enjoyable entertainment, and was an admirable admixture of the grave and gay, excellently mixed and served with discretion and good taste.

That George Lamont, Grace and Meadows served out the entertainment contributions, and any one who was not satisfied must have been fastidious to a degree.

That Dr Meadows' rendering of "Maiden of Morven" will be remembered by many in that crowded theatre as something not to be met with every day, for expression and feeling.

That South, Allenby, Meier, Lawson, and Nicholson—not forgetting the two pantomimists Caldwell and Lapraik—upheld the comical side of the entertainment in a way that can seldom be seen out of professional circles.

That the plucky little animal in the shafts with great tact and good taste, and while being happily humorous were neither rude nor ill-natured in the slightest degree.

That Mr J. S. Lapraik, the Chairman, paid a very graceful tribute to Bandmaster Murphy in presenting him with a baton, to which the genial conductor responded in a few honest and sincere words; and the new baton was used during the rest of the evening's entertainment.

That these entertainments will be much missed during the summer, and it is almost a pity they cannot be continued in the open air, as is done in other tropical centres.

That the circular about the formation of 'The Hongkong Association' has, I believe, been very generally circulated amongst ratepayers, and it is new rests with the ratepayers themselves what will become of the proposed Association.

That if it be conceded Hongkong is in want of a body which could readily and effectively express the public opinion of the place, then there can be no doubt of the need of an Association such as that proposed.

That if the object in itself be good—and no one, I think, will question it—the details necessary to carrying out the object are placed unreservedly in the hands of the public, i.e. the ratepayers, and the Association will be what they make it.

That this reminds me of the Chamber of Commerce, which is the recognized organ of trade and mercantile interests here. That an old stager asked me the other day whether anything was being done about the opening up of the West River, for the benefit of the Two Kwang and of Hongkong.

That I fancy nothing has yet been done, as Mr O'Connor's hands seem to be pretty full just at present.

That both the Chamber and H. E. the Governor might put in a word to the British Minister on this subject, as the opening of the West River would be like the opening of a small Yangtze to this Colony.

That the report of Mr Ford on the gardening and afforestation of the Colony is one of the most satisfactory documents which emanate from this Government.

That events have proved the wisdom of divorcing the Gardening and Afforestation Department from the P. W. D.

That economy is studied like a science, and with a comparatively small outlay the Colony obtains excellent results.

That it would be well could such a verdict be given upon a few more of the public departments.

That, speaking of the lovely Gardens, I see that some new rules are referred to, which raise the old question of Chinese versus Europeans.

That I was about to say a walk through the Public Gardens was an unalloyed pleasure, but that would not be quite correct.

That it is very pleasant to see the interest taken in these delightful grounds by respectable Chinese, and to note the large numbers of colonial visitors who crowd around the flowers and paths, and spread themselves over the seats.

That the element most to be objected to is that of the street arabs, who, unharmed and unharmed and barely covered, romp about the beautiful walks and fern-houses, on mischief bent.

That no attempt seems to be made to keep order amongst these unwashed ruffians, and, on behalf of ladies and others who visit the Gardens, I wonder whether the new rule, that "no person who is incompletely clothed shall be allowed in the Gardens" will be applied.

That whatever may have been done by the Hongkong holders of Immunity stock, it seems the Shanghai shareholders are determined to get at the bottom of the mystery.

That there is an ugly mystery to be brought to light there is little doubt, but the question is, Who is to be brought to book?

That it may be the persons responsible are beyond the reach of human censure, but the law now governing directors and companies at Hongkong by no means disallows it, and it may yet point its finger at those who deserve to be called to account.

That I rather admire the fatherly way in which Sir William Robinson gives his sound and good-natured advice to the rising generation of Hongkong at these gatherings of the schools.

That I rather very few of us old stagers would make much of a show at an Oxford Local exam in these days, but I did try to answer a question about the works of John Milton, I would not say that Milton devoted the whole of his time to the composition of *Paradise Lost*.

That Milton's political life as Latin Secretary, his political prose works, and his other great poems, would reasonably find a place in even the shortest sketch of Milton's life-work, although his grand epic, the second greatest heroic poem of any age, was admittedly his greatest work.

That the advent of Bi-metalism is almost assured,—the Shanghai "Odd Vols." by a large majority gave their approval.

That large majorities, however, are unfortunately generally made up of those who do the voting and leave the thinking to the minority.

That a pleasing feature in last week's police reports is the solitude shown by Mr Woodhouse towards these victims of overwork and cruel treatment,—ponies.

That some restriction ought to be put on the number of passengers these horses in miniature are made to draw, and the rule should be strictly carried out.

That a phony passed along Queen's Road carrying four great hulking Chinese and a small boy inside, and two others outside, plus the driver.

That the plucky little animal in the shafts was as big as a good-sized Newfoundland dog.

That the Eastern pony is truly a long-suffering quadruped.

That two of those on Good Friday were harnessed to a drag, and for hours had to listen to the droves of the bagpipes, yet they were all in favour of bagpipes.

That we are all in favour of bagpipes, and the best we can wish them is, May they go to blazes!

#### BROWNIE

Tax Chinese still hold back as though they intended defying the law requiring their registration, says the *San Francisco Chronicle*. They are ill advised by lawyers who fancy that the law can be defeated in the courts. But they fail to realize that a victory against might prove more disastrous to their clients than defeat, for there is nothing more certain than the fact that the Chinese are determined to stop the influx of Chinese laborers through which they may enter the country. If the Chinese have a shew of common sense left they will recognize the gravity of the situation and not pursue a course which will inevitably result in their being driven from the country. They are above our laws, as they will find out before they get through with the matter.

To DAREN GRAY HALL.—Lockyer's Sulphur Hair Restorer is the quickest, best, safest, and most effective hair restorer. It cures itching, dandruff, and all other scalp diseases. It is the only English Hair Restorer universally sold.

#### HONGKONG ATHLETIC SPORTS ANNUAL MEETING.

Saturday, April 8, 1893.

Patrons: His Excellency Sir William Robinson, K.C.M.G., &c., &c., H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir E. B. Freemantle, K.C.B., C.M.G., &c., H.E. Major-General G. Digby Barker, C.B., Commodore R. Bury Palmer, R.N.

Committee:—Dr J. M. Atkinson; A. L. Cay, Esq.; H. J. Gedge, Esq.; G. Maynell, Esq.; H. Thompson, Esq.; A. L. Cay, Esq.; R. K. Leigh, Esq.; J. M. Atkinson, Esq.; A. G. Wain, Esq.; J. M. Atkinson, Esq.; A. Denison, Esq.; F. A. Mansland, Esq.; J. M. Atkinson, Esq.; T. P. Hough, Esq.; C. H. Thompson, Esq.; Dr J. M. Atkinson, Esq.; G. A. Caldwell, Esq.; J. M. Atkinson, Esq.; J. Grant, Esq.; E. J. Hughes, Esq.; G. Maynell, Esq.; J. M. Atkinson, Esq.; H. Pinckney, Esq.; Hon. Secretary:—A. Denison, Esq.

These Sports were held at the Happy Valley this afternoon. The weather was dull and threatening, but fortunately the competitors were not interfered with. H.E. the Governor was present, and there was a large turn-out of spectators. Although some of the finishes were not at all close or exciting, the racing, on the whole, was very good, but not so good as to account for the extraordinary times of most of the races.

Burdon created a surprise for the Ladies' Purse, and the same remark applies to Leach's win in the veterans' race. The latter ran in most surprisingly good form, and it is needless to say his win was popular. No less than three cups were won outright; Leach, who was the best runner on the day's form, carrying off the 100 yards Challenge Cup presented by Mr. May and the Douglas Challenge Cup presented by Mr. John S. Lapraik; while Gedge, who had undergone careful training, won the Mile Challenge Cup presented by Mr. Bellios.

The tug-of-war produced two good encounters. After a very stiff pull in which the Englishmen looked likely to win, the Scotsmen managed to get through their tie. They thus repeated their performance of last year, and as at the last sports they had to meet the Irishmen who were awarded the bye and entered upon the encounter quite fresh. The Scotsmen gradually pulled them towards the winning mark, but their previous exertions told upon them, they were unable to stay, and an excellent pull resulted in victory, for the second successive year, for the land of the Shamrock. While no one would grudge the Irishmen their hard-won victory, it would have been distinctly fairer that both teams should have started on level terms, and the Committee ought to consider if future years whether they should pull off the preliminary ties during the week prior to the sports.

The competitions were kept up to time in a manner which reflected the utmost credit on the Committee, who were fortunate in having Mr. A. Denison as their Hon. Secretary.

At the close, in the absence of Lady Robinson, the prizes were presented to the successful competitors by Mrs F. H. May. The following is the prize list:—

120 YARDS FLAT RACE (handicap).—First prize presented by Mr. D. R. Saxon. Starters:—F. W. White (5 yds.), W. Newton (6 yds.), J. Machado (7 yds.), and T. H. Kow (7 yds.).

Purcell, time, 12 secs. . . . . 1  
Pinckney . . . . . 2  
Won by two feet.

SECOND HEAT.—Starters:—S. R. Olivier (5 yds.), A. Strick (4 yds.), F. W. White (5 yds.), W. Newton (6 yds.), J. Machado (7 yds.).

Strick, time, 12½ secs. . . . . 1  
Olivier . . . . . 2

FINAL HEAT.—Pinckney, time, 12½ secs. . . . . 1  
Purcell . . . . . 2  
Strick . . . . . 3

TWO HUNDRED YARDS FLAT RACE.—Prize presented by the Cricket Club.—Competitors:—F. W. White, J. Machado, S. R. Olivier, C. G. Taylor.

The winner's distance was 100 yds. 2 ft. 3 in.

LONG JUMP.—Prize presented by Mr. J. D. Humphreys.—Competitors:—D. Landale, F. W. White, T. H. Kow, J. Machado, C. G. Taylor.

D. Landale, 19 ft. 3 in. . . . . 1  
J. Machado, 16 ft. 4 in. . . . . 2

SOLDIERS' HALF MILE (handicap).—1 Gunda Singh. Time, 2 mins. 17 secs. The old veteran, though heavily handicapped as usual, had no difficulty in winning.

BIKE RACE, one mile (handicap).—Prize presented by Mr. D. Gillies. Starters:—J. Machado, J. Wilson, Alvan, de Silva.

De Silva, time, 4 mins. 18 secs. . . . . 1  
Alvan . . . . . 2

A very poor race. Wilson was heavily handicapped, and in addition got badly pushed. The winner was never really pushed.

SOLDIERS' QUARTER MILE.—3 Starters. Private Stevenson won at full speed and won anyhow in 57 secs.

HIGH JUMP.—Prize presented by V.R.C.—Competitors:—C. G. Taylor, D. Landale, H. Pinckney.

H. Pinckney, 5 ft. . . . . 1  
D. Landale . . . . . 2

LADIES' PURSE.—Half mile Flat Race.—First Prize presented by the Ladies of Hongkong. Second and Third prizes by the Committee.—Starters:—R. Maxwell and H. Pinckney (10 yds.), S. R. Olivier (15 yds.), H. B. Bridger (15 yds.), E. R. Burdon (15 yds.), E. H. Madden (15 yds.), J. E. R. Alvan (30 yds.).

Burdon, time 2 min. 10½. . . . . 1  
Pinckney . . . . . 2  
Maxfield . . . . . 3

A good race. Fifty yards from the finish Pinckney looked all over a winner, but his previous efforts told upon him, and Burdon coming with a big rush won by four yards.

#### VETERANS' RACE.—120 Yards Flat Race (handicap). Competitors to be over 35 years of age and not less than 10 years' residence in India, China, or the tropics. Prize presented by the Hon. C. P. Oyster.

A. J. Leach, 6 yds. . . . . 1  
Major Robinson . . . . . 2  
This was another good race. The President of the Cricket Club came along at a fine pace and won easily. Time—13 secs.

100 YARDS CHALLENGE CUP.—Presented by Mr. H. N. Mody. Holder—D. Landale. To be won two years in succession before becoming the property of a competitor. Second prize by the Committee.

Starters:—D. Landale, W. H. Purcell, F. W. White, S. R. Olivier, C. G. Taylor, J. Machado, J. Wilson, Alvan, de Silva.

Landale went off as if he meant to make the cup his own, and there was no one in the crowd who could keep the pace with him. He won in 10 secs from Purcell, who was a few inches in front of Strick.

Two or three men a side. Open to all Comers. Nationality to be decided by that of the father. To be pulled over 10 feet. No spikes or nails allowed. No kicking. No pulling. No pushing. No running in the ground before pulling. To be decided by one pull.—Prizes presented. Scotland beat England after an exciting pull.

In the final between Ireland and Scotland the Irish were victorious. Ireland won by a large margin. Ireland beat Scotland by a large margin. Ireland beat Scotland by a large margin.

PREVIOUS WINNERS at Hongkong or elsewhere to be penalized 24 yards. First Prize, presented by Dr. Ayres; Second Prize by the Committee.—Starters:—E. Phillips (penalised) and H. Pinckney.

Phillips won easily; time, 18½ secs.

DOUGLAS CHALLENGE CUP (Quarter Mile Race).—Presented by Mr. John S. Lapraik. Holder—D. Landale. To be won two years in succession before becoming the property of a competitor.

Starters:—F. W. White, S. R. Olivier, C. G. Taylor, J. Machado, J. Wilson, Alvan, de Silva.

Landale went off with the start and was soon leading by thirty yards. He continued to increase his lead, and won in 52½ secs, half-a-second better than his own time last year.

MILE CHALLENGE CUP.—Presented by Hon. E. R. Bellios. Holder—H. J. Gedge. To be won two years in succession before becoming the property of a competitor.

Starters:—F. W. White, S. R. Olivier, C. G. Taylor, J. Machado, J. Wilson, Alvan, de Silva.

Landale went off with the start and was soon leading by thirty yards. He continued to increase his lead, and won in 52½ secs, half-a-second better than his own time last year.

220 YARDS FLAT RACE.—(Handicap).—Prize presented by the Hongkong Athletic Club. Second prize presented by the Committee.—Starters:—D. Landale, (scratch), W. H. Purcell (5 yds.), F. W. White (7 yds.), J. A. Strick (7 yds.).

D. Landale, time, 21½ secs. . . . . 1  
W. H. Purcell . . . . . 2  
J. A. Strick . . . . . 3  
An easy win. Time—21½ secs.

CONSOLATION RACE.—120 yards. Prize presented by Dr. J. M. Atkinson. Starters:—Kaw, Olivier, F. W. White, Meaden.

F. W. White, time, 13 secs. . . . . 1  
G. Olivier . . . . . 2

OSTACLE RACE.—Prize presented by Hon. F. A. Cooper. C. G. Taylor. . . . . 1

The band of the Shropshire Light Infantry played during the afternoon. The following was the programme:—

"The King of the Bells" . . . . . Thompson.  
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A SECRETARY of the first class, attached to the 11th Division of the Colonial Office at Peking, arrived the other day at Tientsin (says the *Shanghai Mercury*) and called upon the Viceroy Li Hong-chang to propose the raising of a new division of Chinese troops, owing to the fact that the Lithograph Department of the Naval Secretariat at Tientsin have lately been copying a number of maps of that part of the coast of China and English plans, of an obsolete nature, and the Chinese, exceedingly likely to mislead the Russian, especially if they take the Russian productions as their guide. The best thing would be for the Chinese Government to employ a Chinese expert to conduct special men to do the work on the spot, or if they have nothing better, there are some maps of the country drawn by order of the late Yakob Beg of Kashgar, now lying in the archives of the Kashgar British Residency, which would serve the Government much better, as they were carefully worked out by some Indian refugees who had taken service under the Beg, and who made for him a pretty clear survey of the whole of that point of the dominions of the Panjic in the West to Lob Nor in the East, and southwards as far as Shashi-doola, touching the dominions of the Maharajah of Cashmere's Ladakhian province of Little Tibet, the Northwest frontiers being the Celestial Mountains.

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#### THE PROGRESS OF THE 'WORLD CYCLIST'.

MR. F. C. LEACH writes to the *N. O. Daily News* from Ichang as follows, under date the 23rd March:—

I reached here safely from Hankow in 12 days, however, not very easily.

The Chinese along the Han River were pleased to see me, and almost in every town after leaving Yangkiakow through mud, stones, worn-out dirty sandals and hand-bags were thrown at me. I reached the telegraph office here the police Chinese insisted I should be accompanied to Ichang by one of their soldiers. However the Chinese, who now became really fierce, little noticed the soldier, and in the small towns of Kingdoms stones and bricks came hurtling at me. The road was fairly good, and I easily got away after being thrown off the wheel repeatedly. Eighteen miles west of Shashi I was waiting for the soldier.

Some field labourers run gathered, and without cause wanted to see me. I was only armed, which seemed to make them worse, and when I tried to mount, they rammed their hooves and rakes into the wheel. I finally scared them with my revolver and succeeded in getting away. They then pounced on the soldier and belaboured him. The cry of "Ta! Ta!" arose; Chinese from all sides took to the cry, and after racing along for a mile I was hemmed in, taken prisoner for something very good, and taken away through the crowd.

I was struck on the side of the head, on the back, and the wheel and camera were injured. Then I travelled at night to reach here. The natives are getting better, and I succeeded in getting away. I am almost out of Hupoh province since passing the last stretch. The country is, however, mountainous, and there will be many days of walking with little riding to Chungking.

Fortunately the English gunsmith, who is here in Hupoh, has kindly offered to repair my wheel in an excellent manner. My camera is also again all right.

The Ichang correspondent of the same paper sends the following details of the details of the attack on Mr. Leach. Mr. Leach had been having a sharp spin over a bit of flat country and had pulled up to await a telegraph soldier who was travelling with him to Ichang. He was suddenly surrounded by a dozen, or so, agricultural labourers, principally young men, who began to yell and shout at him, while one of their number threw off his garments, bared his breast and arms, and made motions challenging the cyclist to fight. Mr. Leach simply smiled good-naturedly and signalled he had no desire for pugilistic honours. Needless to say this was construed into being on his part by the remaining Chinese, who were now armed with sticks, and began to beat him with a stick on the spot, personally, with this "foreign devil."

Their attitude thus became so threatening, and the cyclist and his machine were being so badly mauled and pushed that Mr. Leach, in a moment of anger, and first three shots over their heads in quick succession, which had the effect of making the fast increasing crowd draw off a bit, but not take to their heels. Mr. Leach, this time, was on his feet, and he rushed off, and broke up along the narrow path that leads across the plain amid a pair of diabolical yells from the trooped and enraged mob, who immediately fell on the poor telegraph soldier, who had at that instant arrived, and who had had quarter of an hour in their own way.

The country, however, was flat for five or six miles in front, and labourers were at work in their fields on either side of the path. Several sticks of dynamite were broken up along the narrow path that leads across the plain amid a pair of diabolical yells from the trooped and enraged mob, who immediately fell on the poor telegraph soldier, who had at that instant arrived, and who had had quarter of an hour in their own way.

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